

April, 2012

## President's Message

As I write this, many of our semester courses have completed with just a few more in process, or about to start. "History as a Political Weapon" will conclude on March 19, "The Real Cause of the American Civil War and Why We Should be Concerned About It" will end on March 21. "To Sleep, Perchance to Dream" through March 29, "Great Decisions" will continue through May 3, "American Writers in Paris in the Twenties" through April 13, and "The Conductors Job" will be given on April 10. If you have not signed up for this single lecture, plan to attend. The guest speaker is Shizuo Z. Kuwahara, the Music Director of Symphony Orchestra Augusta. "Cruise the Savannah River" is scheduled for March 20.

It has been a successful semester with interesting, informative and well attended lecturers. For those who have previously not signed up for courses in progress or are still to start, and are located in Penland-106, feel free to join those classes. Just write in your name at the end of the attendance roster.

The presentation by retiring Chancellor Dr. Thomas Hallman was of great interest. Dr. Hallman, reviewed the accomplishments, and future challenges for USC-Aiken.. It is a bright picture, and the campus has prospered greatly under Dr. Hallman's tenure.

Elections were held, and many of the Academy positions were filled. However, there are still vacancies, as described in the body of this issue of *The Spiral*. Please volunteer. The Academy needs your support to function properly.

The Curriculum Committee has done an outstanding job of developing courses for the Fall semester. The catalog is expected to be distributed by late summer.

**Dick Baxter, Academy President**

## April General Meeting to Feature Bruce Capers and Presentation of the Annual Kauffman Award



Bruce Capers will be the featured speaker at the April General Meeting of the Academy. For the last seven seasons, Bruce has served as the Head Basketball Coach at Aiken Technical College. During this time he has guided his team to

a record of 119 wins vs 73 losses. You won't want to miss Coach Capers as he presents his philosophy of continuously building character, academic standing, and a winning tradition in his students.

The April meeting will also feature the presentation of this year's Kauffman Award. This annual award is given in memory of the Academy's founder, Earl Kauffman, to recognize Outstanding Service to the Academy. Be sure to be present to help honor this year's recipient.

The meeting is Friday April 20 at 2:30 pm, in room 106 of the Penland Administration Building on the USCA campus. A reception with refreshments will follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome, so feel free to bring your friends.

## New Officers Elected for Next Year

Next year's officer candidates were approved by the membership at the March General Meeting. Those elected were:

President-elect:	(vacant)
Treasurer:	Mary Anne Cavanaugh
Secretary:	Wesley Sloan
Membership:	Kathy Schulz
Publicity	(vacant)
Curriculum Chair-elect:	(vacant)

The new officers will assume their positions July 1. Also at that time, current President-elect Jerry McDonald will assume the position of President and Current Curriculum Co-Chairs-elect John and Nancy Meinhardt will assume the shared position of Curriculum Chair. Current President Dick Baxter will serve as Past President.

## Three More Officers Needed for Next Year

The nominating committee was unable to find volunteers to fill three remaining officer positions for next year. These positions are essential to the operation

of the Academy. Without its members volunteering to work behind the scenes, the Academy cannot continue to function. Won't you please consider giving a little of your time to assure that the worthwhile activities of the Academy can continue?

The positions we need to fill for the 2012-2013 academic year are:

- ***President-Elect*** – The President-Elect assists the President and fills in when the President is not available. The President-Elect moves up to become the President for the following year, and serves as Past President the year thereafter
- ***Curriculum Chair-Elect*** – The holder of this position assists the Chairperson of the Curriculum committee while learning the operation of the committee. The Chair-Elect moves up to become the Chairperson for the following year.
- ***Public Relations Chair*** – This position involves publicizing the Academy and its activities.

For full descriptions of these offices, please see the Academy By-Laws, available in the Documents section of the Academy website at [www.aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org).

If you are willing to help with any of these positions, please contact Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Director, USCA Office of Conferences and Continuing Education ([maryanc@usca.edu](mailto:maryanc@usca.edu), 641.3587).

### **Courses Beginning in April**

There is one remaining single-lecture course this semester. Please see the published course catalog for course description and additional information. (The Spring 2012 catalog is available on the web at [www.aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php](http://www.aikenlearning.org/Catalog.php)). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / [lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)).

#### *The Conductor's Job*

Tuesday, Apr 10

Instructor: Shizuo Z. Kuwahara

### **The Academy Cruises the Savannah River**



On March 20, the sold-out Academy trip on the Savannah River took off from Augusta on Captain Jim Bradshaw's *Patriot* riverboat. It was a warm pleasant spring day, and a wonderful time to be on the river. Congratulations to Kathy Schulz who organized the trip for the Academy.



*Captain Jim's narrative kept everyone informed and entertained along the way*



*Kathy Schulz takes the wheel*

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**Academy Officers:** Richard Baxter, President; Glenn Knowles, Immediate Past President; Gerald McDonald, President Elect; Wesley Sloan, Secretary, and Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Treasurer.

**Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:**  
**Board of Directors:** Marcia McDonald, Curriculum Chair, John and Nancy Meinhardt, Curriculum Chair-Elect; Publicity Chair (Vacant); Kathy Schulz, Membership Chair.

**Non-Members:** Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

**Academy on the Web:** <http://www.aikenlearning.org>

ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2012						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 <i>Great Decisions</i> does NOT meet	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Conductor's Job</i> 2:00 – 3:00p [P106]	11	12 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	13 <i>Curric. Committee</i> 9:30a [B conf]  <i>Am. Writers in Paris</i> 11:00 – 11:50a [P 106]	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	20 <i>General Meeting:</i> <i>Bruce Capers,</i> <i>Kauffman Award</i> 2:30p [P106]	21
22	23	24	25	26 <i>Great Decisions</i> 2:00 – 3:30p [P 110]	27	28
29	30					
[Location Codes] B = Business & Education Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Science Center @ USCA N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building						